Edition, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County," subtitle "Zoning," to increase building permit fees in St. Mary's County AND TO SET A MINIMUM PERMIT FEE.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 217(b) of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1965 Edition, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County," subtitle "Zoning," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(b) Prior to the commencement of construction work on any new buildings or structures of any kind within the limit of St. Mary's County, the person, firm or corporation so constructing shall apply to the County Commissioners for a permit. The Commissioners shall issue a permit based on the following scale: A two (\$2.00) fee shall be required for construction costs up to \$1,000.00, a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for construction costs over \$1,000.00 but less than \$10,000.00; a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for construction costs over \$10,000.00. For each permit issued, the Commissioners shall collect a fee equal to one-quarter of one per cent of the cost of the improvements BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL THE FEE BE LESS THAN \$5.00. It shall be unlawful to engage in construction without said permit and to knowingly under-estimate construction costs in an application for said permit. Any person violating the provisions of this subsection shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and may be enjoined from continuation of the construction until a permit is secured. All duties of inspection appropriate to the administration and enforcement of this subsection shall be performed by the Office of County Inspector.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved May 14, 1969.

## CHAPTER 733

(House Bill 1134)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 15 of Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Public Works," subtitle "Board of Public Works," subheading "Sale or other disposition of State property or rights," to provide that sale of certain real estate investments owned by Maryland State Retirement Systems shall not be executed by the Board of Public Works.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 15 of Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland